
EFFECTIVE

July 1, 2020.

Subject(s)

1. Family Independence Program (FIP) Marriage Exemption.
2. Medicaid.
3. Miscellaneous.

**1) FIP MARRIAGE
EXEMPTION****BEM 210****FIP Group Composition**

Changed the references of the MDHHS-1172-M to DHS-1172-M.

Reason: To keep policy consistent with what is on the form.

2) MEDICAID**BAM 210**

Verify income within the 12 months before the date of renewal when passively renewed.

Reason: Audit finding clarification request.

BEM 106

Use special MA policies in the MA eligibility determination:

- Gross income must be at or below 300 percent of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate. An individual cannot spenddown income to waiver eligibility; see [BEM 500](#).
- Apply the MA policies in BEM 500, 501, 502, 503, 504 and 530 to determine gross income. Do not apply the deductions in BEM 540 and 541. **Note:** income excluded for Medicaid eligibility may be countable for waiver eligibility. Please review the income source carefully in the appropriate income item.

Reason: Policy clarification.

BEM 130

MIChild is a MAGI-related Medicaid Expansion program for children who are under 19 years of age and who are not enrolled in comprehensive health insurance.

Other eligibility criteria for MIChild is the same as Children under 19 (U19) with the exception that MIChild beneficiaries are responsible for making monthly premium payments; see *premiums* in this item.

Eligibility begins the first day of the month of application. The 3-month retroactive period applies unless the beneficiary was enrolled in other comprehensive medical insurance during that time. Retroactive MIChild coverage is not available prior to January 1, 2016.

Income Eligibility:

- Age zero to age one is 196 percent to 21 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL).
- Age one to age 19 is 161 percent to 212 percent of the FPL.

MDHHS specialists are not responsible for the collection of premium payments. The specialist will be notified if there is a negative action entered into Bridges for non-payment of premiums.

Reason: Audit finding clarification request.

BEM 150

Changed Transitional SSI (TSSI) to Ad-Care. When SSI benefits stop, central office evaluates the reason based on SSA's negative action code, then does one of the following:

- SSI Closure. Closes MA-SSI in Bridges if SSI stopped for a reason that prevents continued MA eligibility (for example, death, moved out of state). Bridges sends the recipient a DHS-1605.
- Transfer to MA-Terminated SSI Medicaid. Transfers SSI cases not closed due to the policy above to the MA Termination SSI Medicaid Type of Assistance. A redetermination date is set for the second month after transfer to allow for an ex parte review; see glossary.

Reason: Policy clarification.

BEM 157

Removed comparison to COBRA Widow(er)s.

BEM 164

Income eligibility exists when gross income does not exceed 300 percent of the SSI benefit rate.

Reason: Policy clarification.

BEM 405

Added information on what verifications may be needed when the homestead is transferred to a family member when the member has cared for the applicant.

Reason: Policy clarification.

BEM 220

Removing the reference to individuals in out of state nursing homes placed prior to October 1, 2007. There are no longer any individuals currently in an out of state nursing facility admitted prior to October 1, 2007.

BEM 270

Removed reference to Medicare Part B.

BEM 400, Glossary

The definition of homestead now reflects the current Social Security Administration (SSA) terminology. The SSA definition refers to the home and the department refers to the homestead as the individual's primary residence. Removed policy language no longer supported by SSA policy.

Reason: To keep state terminology current with federal terminology.

BEM 401

A completed DHS-1517, Request for Trust/Annuity Evaluation, does not apply employee sponsored annuities.:

BEM 500

Clarified that pre-tax deductions should be subtracted from MAGI income.

Reason: Audit finding clarification request.

BEM 503

Added examples to RSDI for MAGI Medicaid only. Clarified when workers' compensation is countable for MAGI and that workers' compensation and unemployment benefits are a reasonably predictable change in income. Also added that child support is not a deduction.

Reason: Field requested clarifications.

BEM 546

The basic allowance for each dependent is the monthly amount minus the dependent's countable income, divided by 3. The monthly amount is \$2113.75.

The excess shelter allowance for a month is now \$646.50 and the basic allowance for a month is \$2155.00.

3) MISCELLEANOUS**BAM 105, 115; BEM 660**

We are closing down the ASK MICH phone line Customer Service Call Center (CSCC), 1-855-275-6425, because the contract with the vendor Maximus is slated to end on 5/31/2020.

BAM 220**All Programs**

Bridges automatically calculates the negative action effective date. The negative action effective date in Bridges is the day after the timely hearing request date on the Bridges notice of case action.

Reason: Minor wording change.

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